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Marco NAHMIAS NANNI et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1713  
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Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the attached translation of Japanese Patent Publication No. 07-090123 A and indicate that it was considered by making appropriate notations on the attached PTO 1449. An abstract and machine translation was previously provided.

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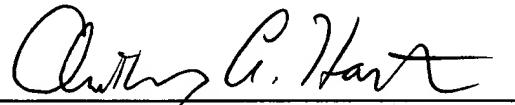
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